

Serra Club of Boulder County

November 2021

District 6 Club #723 Region 13
Chartered September 29, 1990 **Chaplain: Fr. Mark Kovacic**



Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3rd Friday of each month following the 7:00 a.m. Mass at SHJ. Selected member chefs bring breakfast for those present. Bring a friend and encourage them to join our club.

President: Peggy Morrow
Secretary: Dori Fitzgerald
V.P. Vocations: Jim and Judy Heinze
V.P. Programs: Sharon Stetson
V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss
Club Trustees: Sue Husler, Bill Fitzgerald

President-Elect: Jerome Higgins
Treasurer: Ed Husler
V.P. Membership: Stan Peterson, Mary Ellen Thorne
V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis
Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans –

In this month of October dedicated to the rosary, it has been a blessing to see some of the fruits of our prayers! We are truly blessed as a club to have members who have survived COVID and other trials and challenges, priests who have served us and fed us with the Eucharist, deacons that have walked alongside of us, and a God who urges us on through the Holy Spirit to fulfill our mission. As we move into November, I am grateful for all of you and for what our club has been able to accomplish with your support and prayers this past quarter!

Please join me in celebrating what God has worked through us these past three months:

1. Membership - three new members have completed applications, they will be installed soon
2. Vocations - sent cards with stipends to all priests and deacons in the deanery for Priesthood Sunday, communicating with parishes regarding Vocations Awareness week
3. Communications - entered the bulletin in the Serra US competition, published bulletins for each month, and made several updates to the club website including information for Priesthood Sunday and additions to the

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

On November 1 we celebrate All Saints Day. On November 2 we celebrate All Souls Day. The Church consists of three parts:

1. The Church triumphant—the souls that are in heaven and are interceding for us. We should ask for their assistance.
2. The Church suffering—we should pray for the souls in purgatory that they soon enter into heaven.
3. We are the Church militant because we are still in the battle. The body of Christ consists of many members and we are all connected.

Peace, Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 5 - general & board meeting
- Nov. 7-13 - Vocations Awareness Week
- Nov. 19 - Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi
- Dec. 3 & 17 - no meetings
- Dec. 4 - Christmas Party SHJ 1:30-4PM
- Jan. 7 - general & board meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

"Doors to Vocations" video series (a series that features the vocations stories of the priests and deacons in the deanery)

4. Parish Liaisons - our Vocations VPs are coordinating with club members who are acting as parish liaisons for their own individual parish. This effort has borne fruit! For example, for Priesthood Sunday, a majority of the parishes announced this day in their bulletins the week before it occurred and encouraged parishioners to pray for their priests
5. Affirmations - due to COVID we are revisiting the idea of hosting the annual affirmations dinner after the new year
6. Programs - we have heard the vocations stories of 2 priests and had a former priest update us on the state of his parish in Cuernavaca Mexico had a virtual visit with Richard Arians Serra US President, held a memorial service for past members who have fallen asleep, formed committees to plan the annual Christmas party, and have worked through numerous tech issues
7. President Elect - has arranged a 1-day retreat which will be led by Father Greg Ames on St. Teresa of Avila
8. Secretary - has kept us organized by accurately recording our proceedings and club meeting info
9. Treasurer - has commenced the Serra US suggestion to present the Board with bank statements to examine, has filed IRS forms, has made the membership aware of SI Foundation efforts, and is coordinating efforts for a virtual fundraiser
10. Trustees - have mentored the new President (for which she is very grateful), have investigated the ramifications of changing the

club "doing business as" name, have coordinated information about seminarians and members for publication in the newsletter

11. President - is working with board members to develop a strategic plan based on the Duluth, MN Club's plan on the Serra US website.

Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for us!
In Christ,
Peggy Morrow



St. Junipero window
UCCS Newman Center Chapel
(photographer: Jim Heinze)

October Meetings Recap

On Oct. 1 we had our Christmas Party planning meeting. Five categories of the event planning were: Set-Up, Clean-Up, Food, Decorations, and Entertainment. We each chose a seat at a table to volunteer for one of these duties. We also shared our favorite priest, deacon, or religious stories.

Informally leading the committees are:

Set-Up: Bill Fitzgerald
Clean-Up: Stan Peterson
Food: Sue Husler
Decorations: Jerome Higgins
Entertainment: Amy Michaelis

On Oct. 15 we continued to plan our Christmas Party, and Jerome told us about the Serra Conference in Chicago.

On Oct. 22-23 many of us attended the District Conference at the UCCS Newman Center in Colorado Springs. The chapel is gorgeous!

Serra Club of Boulder County Retreat

Date/Time: Nov 19th, 9am-3:30. (St. Francis has an 8am Mass available)

Place: [St. Francis of Assisi](#), 3791 Pike Road Longmont, CO 80503

Theme: Fr. Greg Ames, St. Teresa of Avila "The Interior Castle"

Cont. Br & Lunch. \$25.

This event is now full. Reservations are closed.

If you would like to be added to a wait list please call 720 352-8501

Upcoming Parish Events

Nov. 3 - [St. Martin de Porres](#) Feast Day Potluck 5PM mass then Potluck

Nov. 6 - [St. Scholastica](#) Quilt Sale 9AM-5PM

Nov. 7 - [Immaculate Conception](#) - Msgr. Bob Amundsen Retirement Celebration & Bon Voyage to Fr. Joe Saenz 10AM & Noon masses, 1:30-4PM dinner and reception

Nov. 9 - [St Louis](#) Last day of sale: Butter Braids fundraiser for school trip

Nov. 13 - [St John the Baptist](#) Gift Shop: Advent and Christmas Open House 10AM-5PM

Nov. 13-14 — [Immaculate Conception](#) - Mary's Hands Bake & Jam Sale

Nov. 14 - Last day of sale: Butter Braids fundraiser for [St. Francis of Assisi](#) Building Fund

Nov. 13-14 - Nativity of Our Lord: [Craft Fair](#)

Dec. 18,19,20 - [St. John the Baptist](#) Christmas Market

Dec. 26 - [St Theresa](#) - Building Fund fundraiser Raffle Drawing: 2021 Nissan Sentra

April 17 - [St. William](#) Irish Trip Drawing KofC fundraiser \$10 ticket, or \$25 for 3

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Members Birthdays

Nov. 5 – Dori Mooney-Fitzgerald
Nov. 20 – Joe Calabria
Nov. 24 – Betty Jancosek
Nov. 24 – St. Junipero Serra
Nov. 30 – Jim Heinze

November Seminarians Birthdays

Nov. 9 – Teekeke Anterea
Nov. 19 – Patricio Chuquimarca
Nov. 24 – Jose Manuel Ruiz
Dec. 8 – Peter F. Brancale

November Member Anniversaries

Nov. 25 – Donna & Bob Farrell (1988)
Nov. 27 – Cathy & Vern Rogowski (1957)
Nov. 28 – Sue & Ed Husler (1964)
Nov. 30 – Brenda & Joe Davis (1974)

November Religious Anniversaries

Dec. 1 – Fr. Mark Kovacic, V. F. (2007)
Dec. 19 – Msgr. Bob Amundsen

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames, Rosemary Ames, Teresa Christoff, Lorna Christoff, Chase Curfman, Jeanette Denfeld, Audrey Kenney, Helga Riedl, George Morzinski, Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase), Matthew Hibl, Angie McCann, Mary Safranek.

Please pray also for Jonathan Padrnos in seminary at Gonzaga, and for Fr. Daniel Ciucci, whose mother passed away.

Nov. 5 - General meeting and Board meeting; Fr. Jim Crisman conversion story video. **This is our last General Meeting of the year.**

Nov. 7-13 – [National Vocations Awareness Week](#)

Nov. 13 – [Serra MEETS](#): 10AM John Zimmer, VP of Apostolic Development at FOCUS

Nov. 19 – **Retreat** at [St. Francis of Assisi](#), Longmont, Fr. Greg Ames presides

Dec. 3 & 17 - **no meetings**; Christmas break

Dec. 4 - 1:30-4PM 🎄 Christmas Party, SHJ Jubilee Hall **SAVE THE DATE**

Dec. 11 – [Serra MEETS](#): 10AM His Excellency Thomas Daly, Bishop of Spokane WA

Jan. 7, 2022 - General meeting & Board meeting

Jan 13-16, 2022 - [Serra Rally](#) Dallas/Ft. Worth

Jan. 21, 2022 - General meeting

Feb 2, 2022 (5-6) - [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)

May 8, 2022 - [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

July 2022 - [Serra International 79th Convention](#) *Toronto Canada*